AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) ~~Safety~~ A safety locking mechanism ~~(1)~~ for a receptacle ~~(4)~~ in a vehicle, the receptacle ~~(4)~~ being movable back and forth between an opened and a closed position, and the safety locking mechanism ~~(1)~~ comprising a mass ~~(11)~~, which is movably guided by a guide means ~~(15, 16)~~ from a basic position into a deflected position, wherein the mass ~~(11)~~ holds the receptacle ~~(4)~~ closed when the mass ~~(11)~~ is moved into the deflected position, and having a device ~~(12)~~ which holds the mass ~~(11)~~ in the basic position when no acceleration or deceleration acts in the deflection direction on the mass ~~(11)~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the safety locking mechanism ~~(1)~~ comprises an engaging device ~~(12)~~, which holds the mass ~~(11)~~ in the deflected position, and a restoring device ~~(13)~~, effective by applying an overpressure to the receptacle ~~(4)~~, which directs the mass ~~(11)~~ into the basic position.

2.   (Currently Amended) ~~Safety~~ A safety locking mechanism according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a damping element ~~(23)~~ acts against the application of an overpressure to the receptacle ~~(4)~~.

3.   (Currently Amended) ~~Safety~~ A safety locking mechanism according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the characteristic of the damping element ~~(23)~~ is such that as speed increases a superproportionate damping force occurs.

4.   (Currently Amended) ~~Safety~~ A safety locking mechanism according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the mass ~~(11)~~ is deflectable in two opposing directions, is held in each deflected position by the engaging device ~~(12)~~, holds the receptacle ~~(4)~~ closed in each deflected position and is directed by the restoring device ~~(13)~~ into the basic position when an overpressure is applied to the receptacle ~~(4)~~.

5.   (Currently Amended) ~~Safety~~A safety locking mechanism according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the safety locking mechanism ~~(1)~~ comprises a second restoring device ~~(14)~~ effective by movement of the receptacle ~~(4)~~ from the open into the closed position.